

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus today announced that federal fire grants have been awarded to the Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department and to Maplesville Fire and Rescue.

"Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and property. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls. By assisting our local fire companies, we are helping to improve public safety," Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grants.

**Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department – Operations and Safety Grant  
- \$60,087**

**Maplesville Fire and Rescue – Operations and Safety Grant**

- \$25,175

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the Department of Homeland